

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st 1951.

TO THE KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

We beg to submit the Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1951.

SECTION A - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE BOROUGH.

- (a) Your district covers an area of 2844 acres.
(b) Population (Mid-Year 1951) Est.by Registrar General. 2951.
(c) Number of inhabited houses (end of 1951) 829.
(d) Number of families or separate occupiers. 899.
(e) Rateable Value. £8532.
(f) Sum represented by a Penny Rate on R.R.V. £32.
(g) Unemployment. The average number of unemployment for the year was 30 weekly, out of an insurable population of 1200 which is equivalent to 2.5%

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Total.	M.	F.	
(h) Live Births	(Legitimate (Illegitimate)	49. 2.	24. 1.	25. 1.	Birth rate per 1000 of the estimated population: 17.28.
(i) Still Births	(Legitimate (Illegitimate)	1. 	1. 		Rate per 1000 total, (live and still births) 19.2
(j) Deaths.		37.	22.	15.	Death rate per 1000 of the estimated population; 12.54.

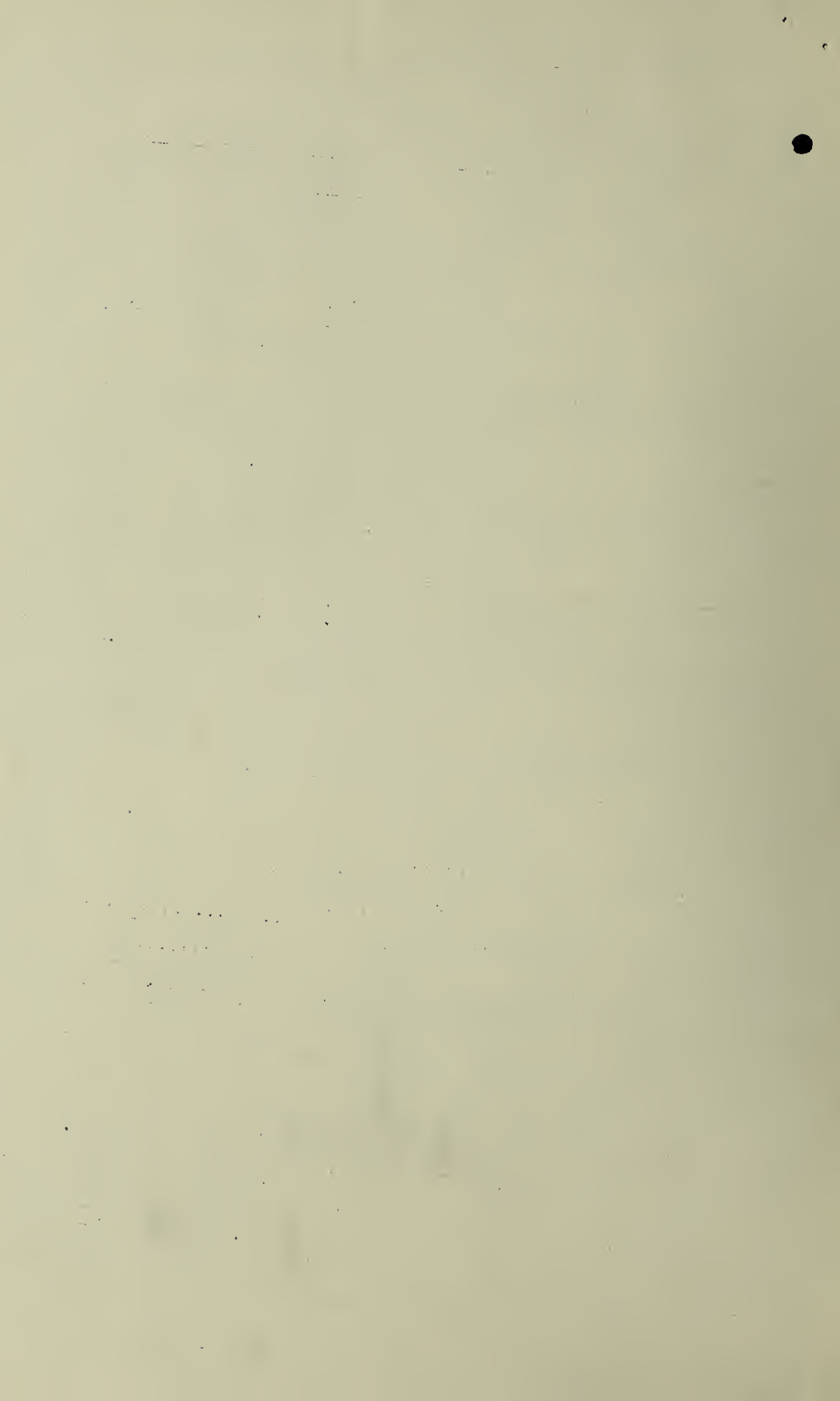
(k) Deaths from puerperal causes:- NIL.

- (l) Death rate of Infants under 1 years of age:-
All infants per 1,000 live births.....58.8.
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.....61.
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.....NIL.

(m) Cancer all ages.....7

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| | Total. | M. | F. |
| (n) New cases of Respiratory tuberculosis | 1. | 1. | - |
| (o) New cases of Non-respiratory tuberculosis. | 1. | - | 1. |
| (p) Deaths from Tuberculosis. | NIL. | | |
| (q) <u>Causes of Deaths in the Borough:-</u> | | | |

	Male.	Female.
Malignant neoplasm stomach.	-	2
Malignant neoplasm lung bronchus.	1	-
Malignant neoplasm uterus.	-	1
Other malignant and Lymphatic neoplasms.	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	7	1
Coronary disease angina.	4	1
Other heart disease.	1	2
Other circulatory disease.	2	-
Influenza.	1	-
Pneumonia.	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system.	3	-
Hyperplasia of prostate.	2	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	-	4
Motor vehicle accidents.	-	1
	<u>22</u>	<u>15</u>
	Total	- 37.



SECTION B - PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

There were two epidemics during the year. In January, approximately a third of the population were affected with Influenza. In general, the disease was of a mild type. In the Summer and Autumn, Measles was prevalent. 57 cases were notified but there were no deaths.

Only two cases of tuberculosis were reported during the year. The Mass Radiography Unit of the Welsh Regional Hospital Board visited the town. A total of 738 people, many from outside the Borough, were X rayed. No definite case of tuberculosis was detected though 52 cases, mainly of dust diseases, were recalled for special examination.

No cases of Diphtheria occurred. Immunisation against this disease was undertaken by the general practitioners. In addition to Measles, the only other infectious diseases notified were ten cases of Whooping Cough.

SECTION C - GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

1. Medical Officer of Health:-

Dr. D. Beynon Davies, M.B., Ch.B.,

2. Sanitary Inspector, Surveyor and Engineer:-

J.E.Vaughan Evans, F.R.I.C.S., M.I.Mun.E., (Testamur)
M.R.San.I., A.M.I.C.E.,
Registered Architect.

SECTION D - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER. The Town's supply is obtained from wells in different parts of the district, and from deep seated springs tapped and delivered by cast iron mains to the Town. All supplies are constant.

CAPEL SUL SUPPLY. This yields a minimum supply of about 30,000 gallons per 24 hours.

MILLANDS SUPPLY. During the summer months, this supply is used to augment the Capel Sul Supply. During the year 1951 the pumps were used for 1036 hours as compared with 1585 hours in 1950.

C.A.E CEFN SUPPLY. This supply gives a minimum flow of 30,000 gallons per 24 hours. Improvement of this supply are under consideration.

M.AESGWENLLIAN SUPPLY. This is from deep seated springs tapped in a disused Silver Mine Adit Level, giving a minimum supply of about 55,000 gallons in 24 hours. There is storage tank for 10,000 gallons.

CHLORINATION OF SUPPLIES. The three supplies are constantly chlorinated and chlorination tests of water are taken weekly.

CONSUMPTION OF WATER. The estimated consumption of water for the year was:-

Domestic consumption.....	27.72	gallons per head per day.
Industrial consumption....	7.28	gallons per head per day.
	<u>35.00</u>	gallons per head per day.

The supplies have been satisfactory in quantity. 34 samples of water were taken during the year and found to be satisfactory. Examinations are made by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Carmarthen. 13 examinations were made of raw water. The waters are not plumbo-solvent.

All houses have direct supplies except 93 which are supplied from standpipes. The population supplied by standpipes is 314 which is 10.65%.

RIVERS AND STREAMS. No action was necessary during the year.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. There are 90 houses connected to the Hillfield Sewer which flows into a septic tank near Morfa Mawr Embankment and discharges into the Gwendraeth Fach River which is tidal. No. of houses connected to sewer 251. No. of houses to cesspool 101. No. of cesspools in area 70. The remainder of houses have earth closets. No. of notices served to lay sewers through private land....90.

SEWERAGE SCHEME.

A Sewerage Scheme for the Borough was commenced on the 23rd November, 1951, and good progress has been made. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by December, 1953.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES. There are two Public Conveniences in the Centre of the Town, which are cleaned and ~~disinfected~~ daily.

SCAVENGING. House refuse is collected weekly from all houses in the Borough by motor lorry and is tipped on the Morfa Mawr Embankment.

SALVAGE. Salvage collection for the year was:-

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.
Paper Cardboard.	8.	17.	0.
Scrap Iron.	3.	17.	0.
Copper.		$\frac{1}{2}$.	
Brass.		$\frac{3}{4}$.	

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Details of Inspection.

Houses inspected for nuisance.....	8
Houses fumigated after infectious diseases.....	4
Factories.....	13
Dairies.....	10
Ice-cream premises.....	18
Bakehouses.....	2
Butcher's Shops.....	14
Cinema.....	2
Rat infestation.....	380
Drains.....	23
Water courses.....	5
Public Conveniences.....	104
Refuse tip.....	26
Water Supply.....	143
Cesspools.....	2

LIST OF REPAIRS EXECUTED.

Repairs to water services.....	143
Repairs to doors.....	1
Repairs to roof.....	17
Repairs to chimneys.....	2
Galv. tanks, copper cylinder and boilers replaced.....	36
Sanitary fittings.....	15
Drain blockages cleared.....	23

Notices served under Section 23 - 1925 of the Public Health Act.NIL

SHOPS. No notices were served under Section 10 of the Shops Act 1933.

SMOKE ABATEMENT. Smoke does not give rise to any nuisance.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS. There are no such baths in the Borough, but a considerable amount of sea-bathing is enjoyed during the summer months by the inhabitants.

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SCHOOLS. The three Schools in the Borough are Primary. They are kept in a Sanitary condition. The water supply is from the Council's mains and it is satisfactory. The kitchens are used daily to feed all children attending the schools.

The School Medical Officer is Dr. Rees Evans. The Borough Medical Officer of Health works in conjunction with him and his staff. It was not necessary to close the schools on account of any epidemic, as suggested in a memorandum on Closure and Exclusion from School 1927. The powers to exclude any individual children and contacts are used.

90 children from the Borough attend Burry Port Central School. They are conveyed to and from school by bus.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION. Lectures are given periodically on infant feeding, ante-natal hygiene etc.

MORTUARY. 3 Post Mortems were held in the Council's Mortuary during 1951. The number being the same as 1950.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS & BAKEHOUSES.

Number inspected.....8
Number certified for limewashing by Inspector.....1

CAMPING SITES. There are no camping sites in the Borough.

SECTION E - HOUSING.

1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for Housing defect under Public Health or Housing Acts.....88
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....88
2. (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932.....88
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....88
3. (a) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.....4
4. (a) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.....2

REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.....4

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of Housing Act, 1936.

1. Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
By owners.....4
By Local Authority in default of owners.....NIL
2. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.....6

Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

- (a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.....3
- (b) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
By owners.....3
By Local Authority in default of owners.....NIL

Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936.

- (a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of Demolition Orders were made.....NIL
- (b) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.....NIL

Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936.

- (a) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.....NIL
- (b) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit.....NIL

HOUSING ACT 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDED.

- (a) Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year..19
- (b) Number of families dwelling therein.....36
- (c) Number of persons dwelling therein.....87
- (d) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year..1
- (e) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year....11
- (f) Number of persons concerned in such cases.....41
- (g) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.....NIL

HOUSING GENERALLY. 3 Houses were completed by private enterprise during 1951.

HOUSING PROGRAMME OF THE COUNCIL.

Houses already built and occupied on Hillfield Housing Site.....32
Houses already built and occupied on Horeb Road, Mynyddgarreg..20
Number of houses built and accupied on Priory Road Housing Site..22
Number of houses to be built on Priory Road Housing Site.....24
Number of Bungalows to be built on Priory Road Housing Site.....12
Number of houses to be built on Pen-yr-Erw Housing Site.....6
Number of building licences issued requiring repairs.....3

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLIES.

There are 18 registered milk vendors in the area.

Licences are granted in accordance with the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949.

Examinations of all registered premises with regard to dairies are made by the Sanitary Inspector. The dairies are kept in a very good condition and particular attention is paid to cans and utensils.

Under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, Carmarthenshire County Council Inspectors take samples of milk for examination in regard to addition of water and percentage of fat. 29 samples of milk were taken under the National Milk Testing and Advisory Scheme and sent for examination. Examinations are made at the Public Health Laboratory, Carmarthen.

10 samples were submitted for Tuberculosis Examination, all of which were found to be negative.

BUTTER FACTORY. There is one Butter Factory in the Borough.
Number of Notices served to carry out repairs.....1.

MEAT ETC. Bakehouses, shops and vehicles are regularly inspected and premises are always kept clean.

Public Health Meat Regulations are complied with.

SECTION 14 FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938. 10 certificates were issued under this section during the year.

Number of inspections made under this section.....10

ICE-CREAM. There are 6 Vendors in the Borough, 2 of which are producers. The premises and utensils are kept very clean.

Number of certificates issued.....3

Number of notices served to remedy defects.....2

25 samples of Ice-Cream were taken and upon examination were found to be in the following grades:-

GRADE 1	-	15
GRADE 2	-	5
GRADE 3	-	-
GRADE 4	-	5

ADULTERATION ETC. No action has been necessary under the various powers.

NUTRITION. Advantage is taken at the Welfare Centre of instructing mothers as to the value of nutrition.

SHELL-FISH. There are no Shell-Fish beds in the district.

RODENT CONTROL. The Council employ a Rodent Operator for the destruction of rats in the Borough.

	Local Authority.	Dwelling Houses.	Agri-cultural.	Business & Indus.	Total.
1. Total No. of properties in Local Authority's District.	3	816	41	37	897
2. No. of properties inspected by the L.A. during 1951 as a result (a) of notification or (b) otherwise.	(a) (b)	20 867		10	30 867
3. No. of properties (under 2) found to be infested by rats.	Major Minor				
4. No. of properties (under 2) found to be seriously infested by mice.	35	20		15	35
5. No. of infested properties (under 3 & 4) treated by L.A.	415	316	41	58	415
6. Structural Works.	10	10			10
7. No. of 'Block' control schemes carried out.	48				

Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers.

Total number of manholes in foul and connected system.....	103
No. of Treatments carried out.....	2
No. of Manholes baited.....	206
No. of Manholes showing prebait take.....	71
No. of Manholes showing complete prebait take.....	26

We remain,
Your obedient Servants,

D.BEYNON DAVIES, M.O.H.

J.E.VAUGHAN EVANS, SANITARY INSPECTOR.

